(viii) Provision of bus bays, yellow boxes, bus boxes etc. on city roads;

(ix) Introduction of traffic signals/blinkers in accident-prone areas;

(x) Mobile patrolling and group checking at vulnerable accident locations.

As far as minimizing accidents on National Highways are concerned, besides highway design, some of the important steps taken by the Central Government are as under:—

(i) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.

(ii) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness-through audio-visual-print media.

(iii) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.

(iv) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(v) Organizing All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to creating awareness.

(vi) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.

(vii) Widening and improvements of National Highways, etc.

Termination of contracts by NHAI

2622. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India has terminated seven contracts during 2004-05;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the legal action taken by the NHAI against the contractors, in case they failed to discharge their contractual obligation according to the terms of the contracts; and

(c) the additional cost likely to be incurred by NHAI to get the affected works completed and extra time likely to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Five contracts were terminated by National Highways Authority of India during 2004-05.

(b) and (c) The details are given at enclosed Statement.

Statement

Termination of contract by NHAI

Sl No.	Details of Contract	Name of Contractor/Date of Termination	Reasons for termination	Action taken against contractor/ person responsible	Additional cost/time
1	Shikohabad to Etawah on NH2 Length 59.02 km, funded by World Bank	China Coal Const. Group Corp./ 09.06.2004	Poor performance of the contractor	The contract has been terminated. The performance Bank guarantee has been invoked, the matter is *sub judice*.	Additional cost—Rs. 93 crore Additional time—20 months.
2	Srikakulam to Champawati on NH5 Length 48 km, funded by NHAI	You one—Maharia/21.12.2004	Poor Performance of the contractor	Contract has been terminated and performance security has been forfeited.	No additional cost Additional time—12 months
3	Six laning of Panchi Gujran to Kamaspur (Sonepat) on NH 15	Maharia—Raj/ 11-12-2004	Submission of forged bank guarantee	Contract terminated and lodged	Additional cost will be known after award of work

	Length 21.7 km, funded by NHAI				which is in process. Additional time—10 months
4	Eight laning of Haryana/Delhi border to Mukaraba Chowk on NH 1 Length 12.9 km, funded by NHAI	You-one-Maharia/ 11.12.2004			
5	Nagpur—Hyderabad Section (km 464 to km 474 and km 9.4 to km 22.3 of NH 7) in the State of Andhra Pradesh	You-one-Maharia/ 13.12.2004	Submission of forged bank guarantee	Contract terminated, FIR lodged. A petition against contractor was filed in High Court of Delhi.	Additional Cost—Rs. 8.82 crores (including additional cost on account of and Additional time—12 months.